



## CARE Checklist – 2016: Information for writing a case report

Topic	Item	Checklist item description	Line/Page
Title Key Words	1	The words "case report" should be in the title along with the area of focus	Line 5, Page 1
	2	Four to seven key words—include "case report" as one of the key words	Line 18-19, Page 2
Abstract	3a	Background: What does this case report add to the medical literature?	Line 3-5, Page 2
	3b	Case summary: chief complaint, diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes	Line 7-14, Page 2
	3c	Conclusion: What is the main "take-away" lesson from this case?	Line 16-17, Page 2
Introduction	4	The current standard of care and contributions of this case—with references (1-2 paragraphs)	Line 1-7, Page 3
Timeline	5	Information from this case report organized into a timeline (table or figure)	_____
Patient Information	6a	De-identified demographic and other patient or client specific information	Line 9-11, Page 3
	6b	Chief complaint—what prompted this visit?	Line 14-19, Page 3
	6c	Relevant history including past interventions and outcomes	Line 21-24, Page 3
Physical Exam	7	Relevant physical examination findings	Line 25-29, Page 3 to Line 1-5, Page 4
Diagnostic Assessment	8a	Evaluations such as surveys, laboratory testing, imaging, etc.	Line 4-5, Page 5
	8b	Diagnostic reasoning including other diagnoses considered and challenges	_____
	8c	Consider tables or figures linking assessment, diagnoses and interventions	_____
	8d	Prognostic characteristics where applicable	_____
Interventions	9a	Types such as life-style recommendations, treatments, medications, surgery	Line 17-20, Page 4 to Line 1-3, Page 5
	9b	Intervention administration such as dosage, frequency and duration	_____
	9c	Note changes in intervention with explanation	_____
	9d	Other concurrent interventions	_____
Follow-up and Outcomes	10a	Clinician assessment (and patient or client assessed outcomes when appropriate)	Line 7-8, Page 5
	10b	Important follow-up diagnostic evaluations	_____
	10c	Assessment of intervention adherence and tolerability, including adverse events	_____
Discussion	11a	Strengths and limitations in your approach to this case	Line 10-21, Page 5 to Line 1-4, Page 8
	11b	Specify how this case report informs practice or Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG)	_____
	11c	How does this case report suggest a testable hypothesis?	_____
	11d	Conclusions and rationale	Line 6-16, Page 8
Patient Perspective	12	When appropriate include the assessment of the patient or client on this episode of care	_____
Informed Consent	13	Informed consent from the person who is the subject of this case report is required by most journals	Line 17-18, Page 1
Additional Information	14	Acknowledgement section; Competing Interests; IRB approval when required	Line 19-20, Page 1



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